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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 12 and Fig. 13. This sheet, which includes only Fig. 7, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7. In Figure 7, previously omitted reference numerals 301, 313, 335, 339, and 341 and associated lead lines have been added.

Attachment: 2 Replacement Sheets (Fig. 12, Fig. 13)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In amended Fig. 12, the previously omitted elements "the primary path 603", "first secondary path 621" and "second secondary path 623" have been added, as described on page 38, lines 31-32 and page 39, lines 1-2 in the description. Lead lines to reference numerals 621 and 62 have been corrected accordingly.

In amended Fig.13, extraneous reference numerals 323 have been removed. The remaining reference 323 correctly identifies "section 323". Extraneous reference numeral 335 has been removed. The remaining reference 335 correctly identifies "bridge link 335". Alternate paths "323 and "327" have been relabeled as 235 and 237 to correctly reflect the description on page 41, line 1. Lead lines to reference 317 and 319 have been corrected to identify the appropriate links.

Applicant believes all of the Examiner's objections to the drawings have been overcome.

Claims 1-55 and 73-74 have been canceled.

Claims 56-72 remain withdrawn.

Claims 75-80 have been added to more clearly define the present invention.

Claims 75- 80 are directed to a communication network, wherein a first communication path is divided into at least one section, each said section having a selected switching router, said selected router is responsive to a fault in the transmission capability of said section of said first communication path for routing data along a second communication path. These features are not contemplated or even suggested by the cited references Kodialam et al. (U.S. Pub 2002/0067693), Jain et al. (U.S. Pat No. 6,751,746) and Weil et al. (U.S. Pub 2002/0093954) taken individually or in combination, thus the Applicant believes that these amendments obviate the Examiner's rejections of the claims.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance and the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any prescribed fees for these amendment from our company's Deposit Account as indicated on the attached fee transmittal form 22.

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